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**Minutes of the
Park-Euclid Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting - 18th meeting**

**February 26, 2003, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Ha:Sañ Preparatory and Leadership School, Cafeteria,
1333 E. 10th Street, Tucson, Arizona**

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CAB Members Present: Keith Bagwell, Richard Byrd, Don Davis, Freya Eddy, Mark Marikos, Jonathan Salvatierra, Jacky Turchick, Mario Villarreal

CAB Members Absent: Nadine Gruhn, Eylon Shamir, Josefina Zapata

ADEQ Staff Present: Mike Fulton, Superfund Programs Unit Supervisor, SRO; Matt Doolen, Project Manager; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Michael Geddis, Brian Barbaris, Clint Bautz, Joe Drazek, M.J. Dillard, Pat Thurman, Steven Turner, Morley Weitzman

The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Don Davis conducted introductions. CAB members and the audience introduced themselves. He mentioned the passing of a board member, Fletcher Haskell, and said his obituary was on hand at the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mark Marikos motioned to approved the December 11, 2002, minutes; Richard Byrd seconded the motion. All members were in favor; none opposed.

3. Membership:

- Discussion and Vote to Remove CAB Member: Steven Chase

- Discussion and Vote on CAB Application: Steven Turner

Don Davis said CAB member Steven Chase submitted a resignation in writing to the CAB. Jonathan Salvatierra motioned to remove him from the CAB. Richard Byrd seconded the motion. All members were in favor; none opposed.

The discussion on Steven Turner's application was held until after his arrival, after the Site Update.

**4. Discussion: CAB Role in Remedy Selection Process/Land/Water Use Study
- Mike Fulton, ADEQ Superfund Programs**

Mike Fulton described the upcoming remedy selection process now that the site investigation is nearly complete and said that it might take a year or two. He provided a handout to describe the process and pointed out the required public comment periods where CAB input will be needed. He said official written comments will be requested from the CAB.

He explained that the Draft Remedial Investigation Report (RI) is nearing completion. This data collection will also include any Early Response Actions at the site. He said part of the RI report is the Land and Water Use Study. After the RI report, a Remedial Objective report will be prepared, and then all of the information goes into the final RI report. The Land and Water Use Study describes the land and water uses which have been impacted during the RI, and it looks at time frames for how long the land and water will be impacted. He said the goal is to make sure the selected actions are compatible with needed land and water uses. This study will also be issued for public comment and ADEQ will seek CAB input. Once completed, public meetings will be held to discuss the Remedial Objectives and to solicit input. He said the CAB will be part of the public meeting process.

Mike Fulton said that the time frame of this depends on funding, and currently he can only project to June of this year. He said funds are needed to compile the Feasibility Study, a step in the process to final remediation. Because of budget constraints, he did not see ADEQ reaching the final remedy for several years. CAB members asked questions about the process and water rights in the area. Mike Fulton said that one of the reasons the whole process is put out for public comment is because the site can affect areas beyond the site boundary.

Jonathan Salvatierra asked for an explanation from ADEQ about the differences between voluntary and regulated programs. Mike Fulton said there are not separate cleanup rules for voluntary programs; remediation of sites needs to meet the same standards. He explained that if a contaminated site does not fall under other programs, such as Solid Waste or Underground Storage Tank program, then it usually falls under the WQARF program. He said anyone conducting a cleanup voluntarily must follow the laws in place to protect the environment. He said voluntary cleanups require a work plan with a schedule, and reporting to the public. He said Mission Linen has done a good job involving the neighborhoods in their work plans. Pat Thurman said that Mission Linen is going to discuss with ADEQ other ways to do the cleanup at the facility because of the budget constraints. He said they will involve the community. Mission Linen does not want to see the momentum lost.

5. Site Investigation Update plus Q & A

Matt Doolen reported that the 1st quarter 2003 sampling round was conducted in late January. He said due to budget concerns, the 4th quarter 2002 sampling was cancelled to save money for other needs. The monthly sampling of the University of Arizona production and monitor wells is still taking place because it is a high priority. He said there were some variations in concentrations showing up in the data from UAM-2, but remain at low levels. He said no volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in UA production wells, UAM-1 or UAM-3. He showed where two groundwater monitor wells had been recently installed; one on TUSD property and one on the City of Tucson right-of-way at Freemont and Broadway; these new wells will be tested during the 1st quarter sampling round.

Matt Doolen said the installation of one soil vapor extraction and two monitor wells on Mission Linen property took place in December. These wells were installed to investigate the lower vadose zone. He said a soil matrix and soil gas sampling confirms the presence of soil containing VOCs at this depth. He said three soil vapor monitor wells were also installed in the upper vadose zone in City of Tucson right-of-way as part of the Mission Linen soil characterization. These wells have

not yet been sampled. He said Mission Linen completed drilling and sampling 13 temporary soil borings and installed 4 soil vapor monitor wells to determine the effectiveness of the Soil Vapor Extraction system located on their property. They also installed a groundwater monitor well in the perched aquifer as part of a pilot diesel removal system.

Matt Doolen also reported that a video log and hydrostatic pressure test of an 8-inch sanitary sewer, underneath the Mission Linen facility, was completed to determine the location and condition of the pipe. He said there could have previously been releases of dry cleaning materials through this pipe, which was installed in 1927. The CAB and public participants discussed other pipes they believe are discharging water from the roof of the plant. Mission Linen representatives invited anyone who would like to point out drainage pipes to visit the property and said that all water that comes from the plant, even rain water, has to be treated. The history of the dry-cleaning operations at the plant were discussed.

CAB members asked questions about the soil sampling around the Mission Linen facility. Joe Drazek said that samples were taken at five different levels. He said they found some significant levels of PCE in the soil vapor, but they are not sure what this indicates. A lot of options for cleanup need to be investigated. Pat Thurman said that before they would undertake any large scale remediation, Mission Linen would wait for the RI to be finished. Don Davis asked if Mission Linen was expanding the search for contamination beyond the facility site. Matt Doolen said that ADEQ has a good handle on the contamination in the perched aquifer, and he has not seen anything that indicates there is another source.

Matt Doolen reported that ADEQ and Mission Linen met with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) on February 10 to discuss their diesel removal systems. UP answered questions from Mission Linen representatives on system operations, maintenance and performance. Ed Honig and their consultants led a site visit to the diesel removal system located at the passenger depot in downtown Tucson. Pat Thurman said the meeting was a positive exchange of technical information, and UP related what they had learned from their diesel removal project. UP is also looking into the problem of diesel fumes that some neighborhood residents have complained about.

Matt Doolen said that a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will most likely be held in June or July, depending on the completion of the draft RI report and Mission Linen's report on recent soil characterization fieldwork. He said UP has been invited to participate in these meetings. Eylon Shamir is the CAB representative to the TAG.

Steve Turner was now present at the meeting, so the CAB members asked him several questions about his background and why he wished to serve on the CAB. He said he will help to increase outreach to the community about the site. Eileen Palese said the CAB could vote at the meeting on his application because the agenda did state "discussion and vote." Keith Bagwell motioned to nominate Steve Turner to the CAB. Richard Byrd seconded the motion. Freya Eddy said she thought he would help benefit the CAB by his ability to seek public comment back to the CAB. The CAB voted unanimously to nominate Steve Turner. Eileen Palese said that the CAB can wait to vote on his nomination until the next meeting, or they could vote at this meeting because it was stated on the agenda. Richard Byrd moved to vote on Steve Turner's nomination at the meeting; Freya Eddy seconded. The CAB voted to elect Steve Turner to the CAB; all in favor, none opposed.

6. Discussion: CAB Letter to Union Pacific

The co-chairs reported that a letter from the CAB was sent to UP expressing their appreciation to the company for considering to participate on ADEQ's TAG. Matt Doolen said that ADEQ has recently had very productive contact with UP. The CAB commented that this was a very positive outcome. Don Davis thanked Matt Doolen and Richard Byrd for facilitating the communications.

7. Call to the Public

Clint Bautz announced that he was assisting with a grant-funded research project of the School of Planning, College of Architecture, University of Arizona, to look at public participation and ADEQ Community Advisory Board meetings. He said they are looking at five WQARF sites in the Tucson area for information flows by ADEQ to the CAB and back again. He said they have been reviewing the meeting minutes for five months. He said the students participating in the project also plan to interview CAB members. He said he will contact members of the Park-Euclid CAB to ask if they are willing to be interviewed. He said that CAB members will be provided with the final report. The CAB briefly discussed the level of their outreach efforts. Jonathan Salvatierra invited Clint Bautz to an upcoming meeting of the San Antonio Neighborhood Association meeting. He said he was unable to attend due to night classes. He said he will contact about half of the CAB to ask for interviews in the near future.

Joe Drazek updated the CAB on the latest information about the state budget. He said the 2003 budget is still being negotiated. The Governor and legislature proposed \$5 million for WQARF funding for this year, which should not change. He said the Fiscal Year 2004 budget is in question beyond the initial proposals. The WQARF fund is down from \$18 million; there was \$15 million two years ago, \$10 million for this year, and now only \$5 million for 2004. Mike Fulton said there is a diversion of \$15 million typically from corporate income tax to WQARF program, plus some fees; he projects there should be \$8 million. He said, however that the carryover funds have also been swept away, which means the level of activity will be impacted.

Joe Drazek said there are a lot of new members in the legislature this year and that interested parties are talking to them about WQARF, to keep the program maintained during this difficult period. The CAB discussed who the legislators are in their districts and considered individually writing to them about WQARF funding. They decided that the co-chairs should draft a letter to be sent from the entire CAB. The co-chairs agreed to draft the letter.

8. Other Administrative Business/CAB Outreach Activities

CAB members reported on their outreach efforts.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next meeting of the Park-Euclid Community Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Ha:Sañ Preparatory and Leadership School, Cafeteria, 1333 E. 10th Street, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, at (520) 628-6712 for more information.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on cassette tapes as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the tapes or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.

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